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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION

This is in reference to response received 13 April 2006 to the office action mailed 27 February 2006.

In the response received, examiner acknowledges applicant's provisionally electing invention of Group II, claims 11-16, 22-23 and 28-29, and elected species of claim 14. In response to this office action, applicant is requested to clearly state whether the election of invention is with traverse or without traverse.

In the response, applicant argues that examiner characterizes Group I as not "providing recording identifier to the relying party". In view of this argument, examiner will read "communicating the recording identifier" as "providing the recording identifier" should applicant provide evidence on why examination of unelected group I will not place undue burden on the examiner while examining group II.

Non elected group I clearly recites the limitation of the transaction identifier provided to the relying party is communicated by the relying party to affirming party which is not claimed in group II. Therefore, it is examiner's opinion that examination of these two inventions will place undue burden on the examiner. Should the applicant believe otherwise, then applicant is required to provide evidence on why it will not place undue burden on the examiner.

Applicant argues that examiner should reconsider for examining invention of groups, I-V, applicant has not provided evidence on why examination of group I-V will not place undue burden on the examiner.

Also, applicant has not completely responded to the restriction requirements of the office action mailed 2/27/2006, wherein applicant was requested to elect a species from a group consisting of claims 12-13 and elect a species from another group consisting from claims 14-15. Applicant has not elected species from group consisting of claims 12-13 and requested to examine claims 12-15 since they do not place undue burden on the examiner.

However, applicant has not provided evidence or identify such evidence. Upon reviewing claims 14-15, examiner agrees and removes election of species from group consisting of claims 14-15 by reading claims 14 and 15 as both affirming party and relying party will receive the recording identifier. Should the applicant further argue that either the affirming party receives the recording identifier or the relying party receives the recording identifier, then applicant is required to provide evidence on why it will not place undue burden on the examiner.

Applicant is requested to elect from group consisting of claims 12-13, since claim 12 recites the limitation that the receiving of transaction identifier is done during the establishment of communications between the affirming party and the recording system, whereas, claim 13 clearly recites the limitation that the receiving of transaction identifier is done after the establishment of communications between the affirming party and the recording system. It is examiners belief that these are two different ways of performing a task of receiving of an identifier. Should the applicant further argue that either both ways of receiving the transaction are the same and will not place undue

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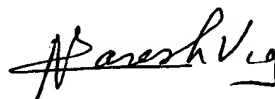
burden on the examiner, then applicant is required to provide evidence on why it will not place undue burden on the examiner.

This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of 1 month. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Naresh Vig whose telephone number is (571) 272-6810. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30 - 6:00 (Wednesday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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